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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Preliminary to examination, Applicant hereby amends the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 1, please delete "Generatio GmbH u.a."

On page 1, line 2, please delete "GM 2238 PCT".

On page 1, line 6, please add -- Background of the Invention --.

On page 1a, line 10, please add -- Summary of the Invention --.

On page 5, line 14, first word, replace "outputting" with -- outputting --.

On page 12, line 31, please add -- Detailed Description of the Invention --.